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SUBJECT: RFE/RL - POLLING PRACTICES

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1. WELT AM SONNTAG ARTICLE APPEARS BASED ON RFE STUDY ENTITLED ATTITUDES TOWARD COMMUNISM AND PARTY PREFERENCES IN EAST EUROPE, PUBLISHED JANUARY 1973 AND DISTRIBUTED TO RFE'S STANDARD SUBSCRIPTION LIST, WHICH INCLUDES FRG. IT IS STATED IN STUDY THAT CZECHS, POLES AND HUNGARIANS TOTALLING 3,722 WERE INTERVIEWED BY INDEPENDENT PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH INSTITUTES IN SIX WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, NOT NAMED, IN SPRING OF 1971 AND EARLY 1972. COPY IS BEING MAILED EMBASSY, ADDRESSED TO EDMINISTER.

2. RFE SPONSORED SOME POLLING IN FRG PRIOR TO 1971. IN THAT YEAR IT SHARPLY REDUCED ITS POLLING ACTIVITIES HERE, AND SINCE THEN HAS NOT UNDERTAKEN OR SPONSORED ANY POLLING WITHIN FRG.

3. RADIO LIBERTY DOES NOT AND HAS NOT EVER POLLED VISITORS FROM EASTERN EUROPE IN GERMANY ON ANY SUBJECT. IT IS GIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO CURRENT DEUTSCHE WELLE PROJECT OF POLLING GERMAN RETURNEES FROM SOVIET UNION. VOA AND BBC ARE ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROJECT.

4. RFE IS PREPARING MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON ITS POLLING, AND WE WILL FORWARD THIS WHEN IT IS RECEIVED. DOHERTY

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